

MEMORANDUM

To: Parties to PSB Docket No.7081
Interested persons

From: Susan M. Hudson, Clerk of the Board

Re: Request for nominations for public members of the Vermont System Planning Committee

Date: August 8, 2007

The Vermont System Planning Committee ("VSPC") was created by the settlement agreement approved by the Public Service Board ("Board") in its June 20, 2007, Order in Docket 7081 (the investigation of least-cost integrated resource planning for Vermont Electric Power Company, Inc.). As provided for in that settlement agreement, the VSPC will play a key role in a new planning process for Vermont's electric transmission system.

The new planning process is designed to facilitate the full, fair and timely consideration of cost-effective non-transmission alternatives to new transmission projects. The VSPC will: (1) facilitate and support such consideration of non-transmission alternatives; (2) encourage and facilitate public involvement in Vermont transmission planning in general and in the consideration of specific projects; and (3) provide transparency and accountability to the Vermont transmission-planning process.

The VSPC will include three public members appointed by the Board.¹ Each public member will represent the interests of one of the following groups: electric residential consumers; electric commercial and industrial consumers; and environmental protection. The Board also determined in its June 20, 2007, Order that it will appoint three alternate

¹Other members of the VSPC will include representatives of each Vermont electric distribution and transmission utility, and three non-voting participants, one each appointed by Vermont's Energy Efficiency Utility, the Sustainably Priced Energy Enterprise Development Facilitator, and the Vermont Department of Public Service.

public members to increase the likelihood that representatives of residential, commercial and industrial, and environmental interests will be present at VSPC functions.²

Additional information about the VSPC and its role in the new transmission-planning process is available on the Board's website at www.state.vt.us/psb/vspc/main.htm.

The Board is now seeking nominations for the public members and alternates. Any person or entity may submit nominations. Such nominations should be filed with the Board on or before September 10, 2007. Nominations should identify which group each candidate is being nominated to represent.

In addition, any person or entity qualified to represent a particular group's interest may send a letter of interest to Business Manager, Vermont Public Service Board, Chittenden Bank Building, 4th Floor, 112 State Street, Drawer 20, Montpelier, VT 05620-2701 by September 10, 2007. Letters of interest should identify which group the applicant would like to represent, describe the applicant's qualifications to represent that group, and explain the applicant's reasons for wanting to serve on the VSPC.

As described in the Board's June 20, 2007, Order, per diem and travel reimbursement will be provided to the public members and alternates.

²An alternate will attend VSPC meetings when the public member representing his or her particular interest is unable to; hence, each public member and his or her alternate will need to coordinate with each other.